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**RESPONSE**

This paper is responsive to the February 9, 2009 Office Action inviting applicant to provide comments regarding the previous rejection of claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. In particular, the Examiner asked about the features of: "software instructions....causing the processor to establish a layered stack of protocols and a software interface."

But, in this regard, the previous §112 rejection merely commented on the '571 patent. There does not seem to be a rejection of this feature. For example, the rejection stated: "The '571 patent lacks sufficient disclosure of the aforementioned feature by applicant's own admission (see Remarks page 6)." We do not see how this statement warrants an on-going rejection relevant to the present specification.

Moreover, we respectfully refer the Examiner to the following specification support passages: page 2, lines 6-8; page 3, lines 3-8; page 3, lines 14-18, among many others.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Undersigned by telephone if there are any remaining questions.

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